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SUBJECT: MTN: TROPICAL PRODUCTS: SECRETARIAT CONVENES
MEETING OF INTERESTED DCS AND LDCS

REF: MTN GENEVA 7611, MTN GENEVA 7566

1. SUMMARY: INFORMAL 7 PLUS 7 ON OCTOBER 1 FAILED TO PROVIDE
ANY CLEAR INDICATION OF PROBABLY RESULTS TO BE EXPECTED
AT OCTOBER 18 TROPICAL PRODUCTS GROUP MEETING. LDCS
ARE STILL DIVIDED AMONG THEMSELVES AND SO ARE THE DCS.
IT CANNOT BE RULED OUT THAT THE OCTOBER 18 MEETING COULD
TAKE A BAD TURN WITH ONE GROUP OR THE OTHER TRYING TO
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FIX THE BLAME FOR FAILURE TO ACHIEVE SPECIFIC AND

CONCRETE RESULTS IN THIS PRIORITY SECTOR. IT IS POSSIBLE HOWEVER THAT LDCS WILL ACCEPT JANUARY 1 IMPLEMENTATION ON ITERIM BASIS BY DCS WILLING TO DO SO. END SUMMARY.

2. ON OCTOBER 1 ACTING DIRECTOR GENERAL MATHUR CONVENED AN INFORMAL 7 PLUS 7. IT WILL BE RECALLED HE MET EARLIER IN WEEK WITH LDCS AND DCS SEPARATELY (REFTEL). OCTOBER 1 MEETING ALLOWED LDC LEADERS TO AIR THEIR UNHAPPINESS AND FOR SOME DCS TO EXPLAIN THEIR POSITIONS (EC HAD NO POSITION). TONE OF MEETING WAS REASONABLY GOOD BUT IT IS CLEAR THERE IS A GROWING FEELING OF FRUSTRATION OVER INABILITY OF DCS OR LDCS TO SEE A WAY OUT OF THE CONFLICTING POSITIONS. THE STANDOFF REMAINS ESSENTIALLY AS REPORTED EARLIER WITH LDCS TORN BETWEEN DESIRE FOR SOME PROGRESS QUICKLY, VERSUS RELUCTANCE TO ACCEPT UNBOUND MINI-OFFERS FROM MAJOR DCS; JAPANESE/SWISS/NORDIC RELUCTANCE TO IMPLEMENT JANUARY 1 UNLESS THIS MEANS WINDUP OF TROPICAL PRODUCTS EXERCISE; DISSATISFACTION ABOUT EXTENT TO WHICH OFFERS OF DCS OTHER THAN US WILL TAKE FORM OF GSP, WHICH IS UNBOUND, MINOR COMPLICATION OF JAPANESE INABILITY TO ACT PRIOR TO APRIL OF 1977, AND MORE IMPORTANT COMPLICATION OF US INSISTENCE ON CONTRIBUTIONS FROM LDCS IN TROPICAL PRODUCTS CONTEXT. IT IS POSSIBLE THAT THERE WILL YET BE ACCEPTANCE OF AN INTERIM PACKAGE ON JANUARY 1 (THOSE DCS IN A POSITION TO DO SO WILL IMPLEMENT), BUT DCS WHICH WANT OFFERS CONSIDERED FINAL, AND LDCS WHICH SEE SO LITTLE VALUE IN CURRENT OFFERS ARE STIFFENING THEIR POSITIONS.

3. THOROUGH REHASH OF WELL KNOWN VIEWS ON THESE TOPICS DID NOT PRODUCE ANY NEW BREAKTHROUGH. ONLY NEW DEVELOPMENT, TO WHICH WE DID NOT RESPOND, WAS PROPOSAL THAT THE US IMPLEMENT ITS OFFER PROVISIONALLY WHICH SURFACED FOR THE FIRST TIME MULTILATERALLY. IN THESE CIRCUMSTANCES WE CAN NOT RULE OUT POSSIBILITY THAT OCTOBER 18 TROPICAL PRODUCTS MEETING COULD TAKE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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AN UGLY TURN WITH ATTEMPTS TO AFFIX THE BLAME FOR THIS SITUATION. CULBERT

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